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CASCADE MAN SENTENCED TO 42 MONTHS YEARS FOR DISTRIBUTION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Defendant Uploaded Child Pornography to Yahoo! Website

BALTIMORE, Maryland - Jeffrey L. Gilchrest, age 44, of Cascade, Maryland was sentenced today to 42 months in prison followed by 3 years of supervised release today for distribution of child pornography, announced United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein.

According to the statement of facts provided to the court on April 20, 2006 as part of the plea agreement, law enforcement received a complaint about an individual uploading child pornography to a Yahoo! website. Investigation revealed that on January 24, 2004, Gilchrest uploaded 23 files from his home computer to a Yahoo! special interest group depicting a prepubescent minor female in various poses and stages of undress. Gilchrest distributed these files over the Internet as they were posted on the group's website and e-mailed to the group. Additionally, on September 22, 2004, Gilchrest uploaded 10 files to another special interest group depicting minors under the age of 12 engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

Investigation revealed that Gilchrest's computer contained more than 50 files of child pornography. Gilchrest's computer also contained images of a female who is a known child victim, clearly less than 12 years old. Further investigation revealed that Gilchrest was not only a contributor to special interest groups for child pornography, but also a moderator, which is someone who decides who can enter the group.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein praised the investigative work performed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Mr. Rosenstein also thanked Assistant U.S. Attorneys Bonnie S. Greenberg and Tamera L. Fine, who prosecuted the case.